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Ontario Supports Log Harvest Project At Long Lake First Nation - #31022

Submerged Logs To Be Recovered For Sale To Area Mills

THUNDER BAY– The Ontario government is helping to generate new economic activity by investing in an underwater log harvesting project on Long Lake #58 First Nation, Thunder Bay-Superior North MPP Michael Gravelle announced today on behalf of Northern Development and Mines Minister Rick Bartolucci.

"This project presents a unique opportunity to create new jobs at Long Lake by maximizing the use of what has been, up to now, a wasted resource," Gravelle said. "Harvesting underwater logs will also help address the fibre supply issue in Northern Ontario's forestry sector."

The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) is providing $440,000 to Long Lake #58 First Nation to launch a log retrieval project which involves recovering logs from the bottom of lakes surrounding the First Nation. The recovered logs will then be processed and sent to mills operating in the region.

"We are committed to working with the North's Aboriginal communities to broaden their economic base," said Bartolucci, who chairs the NOHFC. "The McGuinty government is pleased to support innovative local economic development activities that help northern communities grow."

Other McGuinty government initiatives for northern prosperity include:

- Investing nearly $640,000 in a mining training program for Aboriginal youth in the Red Lake region
- Contributing $530,400 to build a new hotel and expand a mineral warehouse in Kasabonika Lake First Nation
- Providing more than $590,000 to construct a new harbour at Fort Severn First Nation.

This NOHFC project is part of the government's Northern Prosperity Plan for building stronger northern communities. The Northern Prosperity Plan has four pillars: Strengthening the North and its Communities; Listening to and Serving Northerners Better; Competing Globally; and Providing Opportunities for All. Since 2003, investments in infrastructure, postsecondary education, research and innovation and key economic sectors have strengthened Ontario's economic advantage and continue to

build opportunity.

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